GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2509
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2004
ESTABLISHMENT OF CARA
Kaushal Shri Raghuvir Singh

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has established Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) for inspection, guidance and regulation etc. of the functioning of the recognized social child welfare agencies working in national and trans-national adoption;

(b) if so, the brief progress of the said agency; and

(c) the number of Indian children adopted in other countries during each of the last three years, till-date, country-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a), (b) & (c): Yes, Sir. Central Adoption Resource Agency [CARA] was set up on 28th June, 1990 to regulate, inspect and monitor the working of recognized social/ child welfare agencies engaged in inter- country adoption and to promote in-country adoption. It started functioning as an autonomous body w.e.f. 18.03.1999. After the ratification of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in respect of Inter-country Adoption, 1993, CARA has been designated as the Central Authority in the matters of adoptions under the Convention w.e.f. 1.10.2003. A statement showing country-wise number of inter-country adoptions as per records of CARA during 2002, 2003 and 2004 (up to November) is annexed.

Annexure
Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2509 for 16.12.2004 regarding `Establishment of CARA` tabled by Shri Raghuveer Singh Koshal

Sl. No.	Name of the Country	2002	2003	2004 Up to November
1	Austria	15	20	15
2	Australia	37	29	19
3	Belgium	28	22	30
4	Bahrain	02	0	01
5	Canada	19	12	08
6	Denmark	116	36	106
7	Finland	06	05	12
8	France	16	21	13
9	Germany	23	15	28
10	Hong Kong	01	0	01
11	Iceland	09	07	04
12	Ireland	02	03	04
13	Italy	100	113	130
14	Luxembourg	4	5	2
15	Mauritius	3	1	1
16	Netherlands	29	24	26
17	Norway	40	23	21
18	New Zealand	0	2	3
19	Singapore	10	17	0
20	Spain	104	111	102
21	Sweden	51	39	39
22	Switzerland	34	22	30
23	UAE	15	45	12
24	UK	13	17	19
25	USA	381	429	289
26	Kenya	3	0	1
27	Japan	1	0	0
28	Russia	1	0	0
29	South Africa	1	2	2

30 Tanzania 2 2 0
31 Vietnam 0 1 0
32 Republic of Benin 0 0 1
33 Indonesia 0 1 0

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